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SOURCE: Tokyo, Japan.

IMPORTANCE: Not previously reported. A very compact Medical Officer's instrument case for minor surgical procedures in the field.

DESCRIPTION: This kit is contained in a stainless steel case, 7 5/8" x 3 3/4" x 2 1/2", with a burlap case cover to protect the metal case. The Japanese characters on the case and cover are translated as "Portable Surgical Instrument."

The instruments fit compactly into metal racks and are held in place by a hinged wire brace.

The contents of the open case from front to rear in Fig. 2 are as follows:

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| 1. Forceps, dressing, 5 1/2" | ea | 1 |
| 2. Forceps, tissue, 5 1/2" | ea | 1 |
| 3. Scissors, blunt, straight, 5 1/2" | ea | 2 |
| 4. Scissors, blunt, curved, 5 1/2" | ea | 1 |
| 5. Needle, holder, Murphy-like type, 7" | ea | 1 |
| 6. Saw, bone, small, with folding handle | ea | 1 |
| 7. Needle, aneurysm, 6" | ea | 1 |
| 8. Catheters, metal, curved, 6" | ea | 2 |
| 9. Probe, metal, flexible, 6" | ea | 1 |
| 10. Forceps, hemostatic, straight, Jones type, 5" | ea | 6 |
| 11. Scalpel, all steel, straight, size 3a | ea | 1 |

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| 12. Scalpel, all steel, straight, size 3c | ea | 1 |
| 13. Scalpel, all steel, curved, size 5b | ea | 1 |
| 14. Retractor, 2 pronged, skin, 6 1/2" | ea | 1 |

Two small metal cases are contained in the bottom of the case. The first contains a 1 cc. syringe, glass, with 2 hypodermic needles and the other contains various sizes of suture needles. Two small loops of heavy silk skin sutures were lying freely in the case.

COMMENT: The instruments found in this set are of usual type and quality. The kit is of interest due to its compactness and its completeness in containing all the necessary instruments for minor surgical procedures in the field.

Of special interest is the fact that the racks are removeable so that the instruments can be sterilized and handled in the racks observing aseptic technique.

Photographs: Fig. 1. Kit, Surgical - open, with burlap case cover.

Fig. 2. Instrument racks removed with 2 small containers open.

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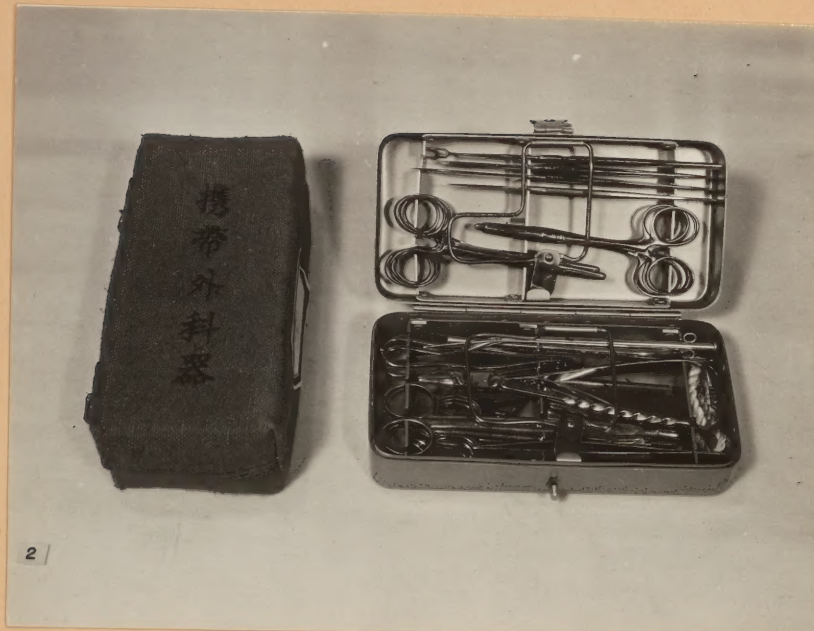


Fig 1: Kit, Surgical - open, with burlap case cover.

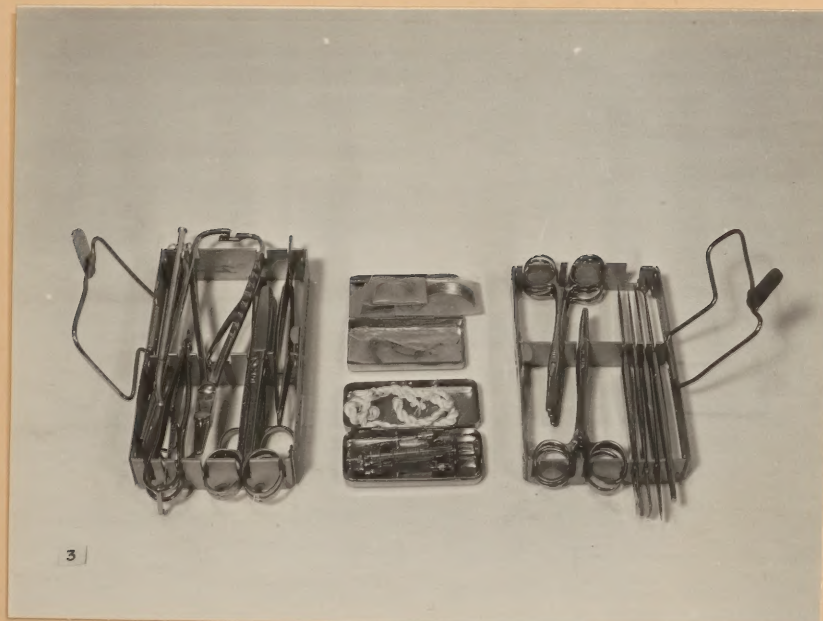


Fig 2: Instrument racks removed with 2 small containers open.

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